

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

SEQUOIA UNION HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NO. 2013050305

ORDER GRANTING IN PART
REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE OF
THE PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On September 30, 2013, the parties filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) a joint request to continue Prehearing Conference (PHC) date in this matter of October 4, 2013, as the parties are close to settling this case. The matter is set for hearing for October 15, 2013.

A due process hearing must be conducted and a decision rendered within 45 days of receipt of the due process notice unless an extension is granted for good cause. (34 C.F.R. § 300.515(a) & (c) (2006); Ed. Code, §§ 56502, subd. (f), 56505, subd. (f)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1020.) As a result, continuances are disfavored. Good cause may include the unavailability of a party, counsel, or an essential witness due to death, illness or other excusable circumstances; substitution of an attorney when the substitution is required in the interests of justice; a party's excused inability to obtain essential testimony or other material evidence despite diligent efforts; or another significant, unanticipated change in the status of the case as a result of which the case is not ready for hearing. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(c).) OAH considers all relevant facts and circumstances, including the proximity of the hearing date; previous continuances or delays; the length of continuance requested; the availability of other means to address the problem giving rise to the request; prejudice to a party or witness as a result of a continuance; the impact of granting a continuance on other pending hearings; whether trial counsel is engaged in another trial; whether the parties have stipulated to a continuance; whether the interests of justice are served by the continuance; and any other relevant fact or circumstance. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(d).)

OAH has reviewed the request for good cause and considered all relevant facts and circumstances. The request is:

☒ Granted in Part. The PHC is continued to October 7, 2013, as the requested PHC date of October 11, 2013, is too close to hearing date of October 15, 2013.

Prehearing Conference: October 7, 2013, at 3:00 PM.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 30, 2013

/s/

PETER PAUL CASTILLO
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings